

Did You Ever Notice How Hard Some People Work To Get Rid of Doing Anything and Then Grumble at Their Hard Luck

EIGHTEEN FEET OF ICE IS BAR TO NAVIGATION

Hudson Probably Not Open Before April 1.

GORGE AT NEW BALTIMORE

Great Mass of Ice Rests on Bottom of the River and is Wearing Away Very Slowly.

Troy, March 23.—It was announced about a week ago that navigation between this city and New York would probably open today. On account of the condition of the gorge near New Baltimore, however, this will not be possible, and it is unlikely now that the big boats will ply the Hudson before April 1.

An official of the Citizens' line said last night that no orders had been received here to prepare for the immediate reopening of navigation and that it would be necessary to wait for the breaking away of the ice gorge.

The gorge was thoroughly examined Saturday by river men in charge of Captain Ulster Davis, manager of the Cornell Towing line. It was generally believed that the remainder of the gorge would soon go out, but Captain Davis said that in his opinion the river would not be open for navigation before April 1, and that a large part of the gorge must first melt before it would go out. Measurements were taken of the thickness of the gorge and it was found to be from sixteen to eighteen feet of solid ice. In many places the mass is resting on the river bottom and stuck in the mud.

SENATOR BRYAN DEAD

Young Man Appointed From Florida Killed by Fever.

Washington, March 22.—United States Senator William James Bryan of Florida died at the Providence hospital early today from typhoid fever. It was only seventy-three days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23 and thirty-three days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but last night it was reported that his condition had taken a turn for the better and his death today, therefore, came as a surprise and distinct shock.

In Mr. Bryan the Senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth Congress on March 4 a year ago. They were the two late senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus, Mr. Mallory of Florida, Mr. Latimer of South Carolina, Mr. Proctor of Vermont, Mr. Whyte of Maryland and Mr. Bryan. Curiously the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was 84 years old and Mr. Bryan less than 32.

MAY VOTE FOR FORAKER

Although Delegates Are Instructed For Taft Foraker Is Their Choice.

Columbus, O., March 21.—The Foraker men in the eleven congressional districts are said to have turned a trick Thursday that may have far-reaching effect when they selected two strong Foraker lieutenants as delegates to the national convention. This is the district in which Arthur L. Vorys, the Taft manager, lives. The delegates are instructed to vote for Taft, but it is said that they may disregard this effort to blind them and vote for Foraker. The resolutions adopted endorse the public services of Senators Foraker and Dick who have not been mentioned by most of the Ohio district conventions.

Red-Haired Charmers.

"There are no red-haired old maids."

The speaker, a red-haired actress, lighted a fresh cigarette and went on:

"The red-haired have an excess of iron in their blood. This causes them to overflow with vitality, animal spirits, gaiety, wit, charm—but I must not boast, must I?"

She smiled, and smoothing her ruddy cheeks with a slim white hand, she added:

"At any rate, it is a palpable fact that the red-haired girl never gets left. As a rule she is married at 20. A red-haired old maid is a greater rarity than a millionaire anarchist. Leap year begins with 1908, but we red-haired girls have no need of leap year."

Letting Go All Holds.

Once there was a woman who had spent many, many years in making green lampmats—these mats, you know, that have fuzzy borders—you put them on the center of the table as ornaments—and never, never had made them of any other color than green. One day, when in an unusually wicked mood, she shut herself up in her room, locked the door, pulled down the blinds, and then, yielding to an uncontrollable impulse, she dissipated in the most reckless manner by crocheting a red lampmat.

IMPORTANT WEEK AT ALBANY

Gambling Bills and the Jackson Investigation Are Up.

Albany, March 22.—In many respects the coming week will be the most important thus far in the present session of the legislature. Upon its developments may depend in large measure the fate of the bills designed to abolish the present statutory protection of gambling at racetracks; the date of final adjournment of the session; the proposed new code of laws to govern the construction and maintenance of highways; some of the most important of the banking reform bills proposed by Superintendent Clark Williams of the state bank department; the Cassidy bill, aimed to prohibit so-called bucket shops; as well as other measures of greater, or less consequence.

The proposed investigation of the attorney general's office, under the administration of William Schuyler Jackson of Buffalo, the present incumbent, especially in the matter of receiverships of insolvent banks and trust companies, is likely to come to a head early in the week.

CARTER CASE DECIDED

Holds \$45,000 But Must Give Up His Stolen Gains.

Chicago, March 22.—The final decree in the case of Oberlin M. Carter, former captain in the United States Engineer Corps, was entered by Judge Kohlsaat in the United States Circuit court. Practically all the findings are in favor of the former army officer.

While Carter does not get a large share of the funds which have been the subject of litigation between him and the government, the costs of this and all other suits against him are taxed against the government. By the decree Carter is awarded \$45,000 which was held by the court to be without "taint." The total amount attached by the federal authorities some years ago was about \$100,000. The greater part of this Carter claimed to have received from his father-in-law, the late Robert F. Westcott of New York.

LITTLEFIELD RESIGNS

Well Known Maine Congressman to Retire in the Fall.

Rockland, Me., March 22.—A sensation was caused in political circles here today by the receipt of Governor Cobb of a letter from Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, tendering his resignation as a member of Congress to take effect on Sept. 30 next.

In the same mail was a communication to the chairman of the Second district Republican Congressional committee from Littlefield, in which the latter gave as the reason for his resignation his desire to resume his law practice. Mr. Littlefield succeeded Hon. Nelson Dingley on the death of the latter eight years ago.

GOV. GUILD FAILING

Physicians Say He Is Not Quite Holding His Own.

Boston, March 22.—The physicians in attendance upon Governor Curtis Guild were obliged to report tonight that the condition of their patient had taken a slightly unfavorable turn and that he could not be said to be as comfortable as on yesterday. The first bulletin of the morning said that the governor had passed a favorable night and had taken liquid nourishment well but there was a different tone in the later bulletins and the one issued at 1:45 p. m., stated that "the governor's condition on the whole is not quite so favorable."

Wrecks in San Francisco Bay.

What a melancholy sight the bottom of San Francisco bay must present. A diver recently told of going down to the City of Chester, sunk many years ago at the mouth of the harbor by one of the large China steamers. He descended with a stout heart and a mind lured to the tragedies of the sea, but when he saw two sisters of charity sleeping quietly in their berths, and nearby a man on his knees, away-back and forth with the motion of the tide, and a dim, mysterious light over all the somber objects, his heart failed him and he gave the signal to be hauled above. The San Rafael lies there, too. She went down in 1901, sent to the bottom by a collision with another steamer in the fog. The relentless tide runs over her cozy cabins and beautiful staterooms, dark with the passage of time.

Grieg as a Schoolboy.

Grieg was not a pattern schoolboy. In a description of his days at school he wrote: "Knowing that by arriving late I would not be allowed to enter the class until the end of the first lesson, I used, on wet mornings, to stand under a dripping roof, until I was soaked to the skin. The master then sent me home to change my clothes, but the distance being long this was equivalent to giving me a dispensation! You may guess that I played this prank pretty often, but when at last I carried it so far as to come one day wet through, though it had hardly rained at all, they became suspicious, and kept a lookout. One fine day I was caught, and made an intimate acquaintance with the birch!"

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For Eastern New York and Western Vermont rain tonight; colder in extreme northwest portion. Tuesday fair and slightly colder in north of central.

SIX CONVENTIONS ARE TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

Three are Republican and Three are Democratic

IMPORTANT POLITICAL WEEK

First of New England States to Elect Delegates Will Be Rhode Island Thursday.

New York, March 22.—Six state conventions, three Republican and three Democratic, will be important factors in this week's news events, as in each instance delegates to the national convention of the party will be named.

On Wednesday Indiana Democrats will meet in state convention at Indianapolis; North Dakota Democrats will meet at Grand Forks, and Tennessee Republicans will gather at Nashville. On the same day in Nashville the Tennessee Republican state committee will meet and formulate plans for a nominating state convention at which a candidate for governor will be chosen.

On Thursday Illinois Republicans will meet in Springfield; Rhode Island Republicans will meet at Providence, and Iowa Democrats will hold a state convention at Cedar Rapids.

Torpedo Flotilla to Leave Panama. The American torpedo flotilla will sail from Panama this week on their journey northward to join the battle fleet at Magdalena Bay. Its first port of call will be Acapulco, Mexico.

Intercollegiate Baseball Games. The intercollegiate baseball season opens during this week with games at Princeton and New Haven. The Tigers will play the New York university and Yale will cross bats with Manhattan college. The spring meeting of the Eastern League, at which a schedule of games will be adopted, will be held in New York Wednesday. The intercollegiate fencing tourney will take place in New York on Saturday.

REFUSE IN CELLARS

Conditions in the Basements of Business Blocks Should Be Remedied.

At the annual meeting of the Bennington county board of underwriters held March 15 the conditions that exist in the basements of many business blocks was discussed and the secretary of the board was instructed to present to the village trustees a request for an investigation of the subject. The following has been drafted and will be presented at the April meeting:

To the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bennington:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned rating committee of the Bennington County Board of Fire Underwriters hereby call your attention to the condition of the cellars and basements of the buildings used for mercantile purposes in the limits of the fire district of the Village of Bennington. We believe this constitutes one of the greatest fire hazards to the community and in some instances with a joint mercantile and dwelling occupancy, life is endangered.

We respectfully request your board to take such action as will result in inspection of the property by the fire wardens, and the establishment of proper regulations as to the care of cellars and basements within the fire district.

E. S. Harris,
H. I. Norton,
E. J. Hall.

HOOSICK FALLS

Miss Helen Cody has returned to Amsterdam after a visit of several weeks at her home here.

Miss Eva L. Chase, who has been spending three months with relatives, has returned to her home in Greenfield Mass.

The Misses Anna and Jeannette Coulter have returned from New York where they were the guests of their sister, Mrs. John Hobart Warren.

Mrs. William A. Schumacher, Master Clifford Schumacher and Mrs. Harvey Vance of New York are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter.

The Elk's bowling team will go to Troy this evening to bowl with the Elks of that city. A large delegation from the local lodge will make the trip.

Rev. Leopold Kroll has returned from New York and Englewood, N. J., where he went on business connected with his mission work in the Hawaiian islands.

Company M will celebrate the twenty-third anniversary of its organization next Thursday evening. The company's band will furnish the music and sports and races of all kinds will be held, including a basketball game by picked teams from the honorary and ex-members.

There will be a special meeting of the village board of trustees this evening at the municipal building for the purpose of organization. There will be a taxpayers' meeting at the same place on Thursday, March 27, to hear the report of the committee appointed to make plans and estimate for street improvement.

ARE TO CUT DOWN BALL GAMES AT HARVARD

May Reduce Football Games to Two

HAVE BEEN TOO MANY

Baseball Schedule Will Not Be Changed This Year, But Will Be Next Season.

Cambridge, Mass., March 22.—Although the future outcome is problematical, it is generally believed at Harvard university that the vote of the faculty at a special meeting on Friday night recommending an intercollegiate agreement to reduce the number of intercollegiate contests, will have no effect whatever on any of the matches arranged for the academic year. The baseball schedule for this spring has been completed and includes twenty-seven games.

But in the opinion of many Harvard men there is a strong possibility that the football schedule next fall may be cut to two games and that the Harvard team's public activity in this line eventually may be limited, though probably not this year, to contests with Yale and one other college only—probably Dartmouth. The supporters of this plan take the view that football should be put on a plane with rowing and that the football team like the boat crew, should be trained and developed for not more than two or three contests.

Last fall the faculties of New England colleges voted to curtail athletic committees of the various New England colleges and with one or two exceptions all favored the proposed plan.

TWO BENNINGTONIANS

Vermonters Achieve Success in the Schenectady Colony

The Washington Company of Schenectady, N. Y., has recently built an entirely new type of fire engine, the motive power of which is gasoline. Only one has as yet been constructed, and it goes into service in that city's department May 1, 1908. It is a rotary pump, driven by a forty horse power four cylinder gasoline engine, and will lift water 25 feet, discharging three fire streams, maintaining one hundred pounds pressure to each stream. The tests show that it will pick up water in three seconds ready for use, is easily started and costs only one-half what the steam engine does to manufacture.

This "firefighter" which has stood the tests of trial in all sorts of weather is to be placed in commission, as stated, and her first engineer will be Allison G. Gavin, a native of this town, now of the Schenectady paid fire department, in station No. 9, a new assignment made especially for them, fully equipped and manned by assistants.

At the civil service examinations, held March 12th, Mr. Gavin's marks were 100, the only one to reach that figure for "engineers for steamers," the next rating at 95, and so on down to 75. In the civil service examinations for "house captains," George Hunter, another Benningtonian of the Electric City's fire department, gained one of the four contestants of the 100 marks, the others running from 99 down to 80, and there is a promising probability of his promotion soon.

These marks are identical with those of Vermonters everywhere; and no doubt, others of Bennington's sons and daughters, are equally worthy of mention in their old home.

Y. M. C. A. CARNIVAL

Interesting Exhibition to Be Given in the Opera House March 24.

The following program will be rendered at the Y. M. C. A. gymnastic carnival at the Bennington opera house Tuesday evening, March 24:—

Selection Y. M. C. A. Orchestra
Dumb Bell Drill Juniors
Indian Club Drill Intermediates
Bar Bell Drill

Young Woman's Club Reading (selected)

Pyramids Miss Hazel McLeod
Juggling John J. Donovan
Parallel Bars Intermediates
Slack Wire Walking Daley Bros.
Mat Work Seniors
Selection Y. M. C. A. Orchestra
Horizontal Bar Seniors
Reading (selected)

Sketch Miss Hazel McLeod
Buck and Spring Board Seniors
Maze Marching

Selection Juniors and Intermediates
Y. M. C. A. Orchestra

VIRGINIA ELECTS DELEGATES

Third District Republican Convention Delegates to Vote for Taft.

Richmond, Va., March 21.—The third district Republican convention has instructed its delegates to the national convention to vote for Taft. The delegates elected in the first district are unopposed but resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of a successor to President Roosevelt who would carry out the present administration's policies.

ANARCHIST PAPER BARRED

Shut Out of United States Mails for Immoral Teaching.

Washington, March 22.—Declining to allow the postoffice department to be put in the position of accessory to murder by allowing in the mails publications which advocate the killing of citizens by dynamite, Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order refusing the mails to the Italian newspaper La Question Sociale, a weekly published at Paterson, N. J.

The postmaster at Paterson has been instructed to refuse admission to the mails of the publication on the grounds that its articles are immoral, pernicious and harmful to the interests and welfare of the people. This action is a departure from postoffice practice and is claimed to be based on section 3 of the revised statutes, which covers "every article or thing intended or adapted for immoral or indecent purposes."

The paper is said to have a circulation of 30,000 among the Italian population and openly announces itself as Socialistic-Anarchistic.

BROKE SKI RECORD

Duluth Man Jumped 131 Feet in Test Sunday.

Duluth, March 22.—John Evanson, of Duluth broke the American ski record this afternoon with a jump of 131 feet. The former record was 124 feet made by Evanson at Ishpeming, Mich., four weeks ago. Ole Fetring of Duluth jumped 135 feet, but fell. Four others distanced the former American record. The new mark is the more remarkable because the day was warm and it was necessary to haul snow from nearby woods to prepare the slide for jumping.

IOWA CONVENTIONS

Five out of Seven Districts Instruct Delegates to Vote for Taft.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 21.—Republican conventions in the third, fifth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh districts have elected Taft delegates. Delegates chosen in the second and fourth districts are uninstructed.

TOWN OFFICERS ORGANIZE

Will Meet Every Saturday Afternoon for Business—Town Board of Health

The board of selectmen has organized with the election of F. M. Crawford chairman and Charles H. Houghton clerk and will hold its regular meetings Saturday afternoons.

The town board of health has also organized with the election of the following officers: President, Frank Cronack; vice president, Charles H. Houghton; secretary ex-officio, Health Officer H. L. Stillson. The board will meet each Saturday afternoon. It was voted that the secretary be authorized to send the proper notices for the abatement of minor nuisances.

The selectmen have filled the vacancies in town offices not voted for at the annual meeting as follows. Fence viewers, R. O. Gore, George H. Elwell, Barker F. Vail; surveyor of wood and inspector of lumber, H. B. Hutchins; pound keeper, Frank M. Thompson. The appointments of sextons for the town cemeteries will be made at a future meeting.

RAIN WAS SURE TO COME.

Farmer So Certain That He Was Rather Unduly Impressive.

A New York man who had been summering in the White mountains, on his return to town, told of an encounter with a New Hampshire farmer. It was late in September, and it was almost time for the equinox, or "line storm," as the natives call it. The city man was planning a certain trip on his motor cycle, but the morning on which he had been intending to start was so gray and overcast that he felt some hesitation about setting out. He was trying to persuade himself out of this feeling, even though his better judgment was against him. The mountains were veiled in wreaths of mist and cloud that had settled down almost to their bases. He was getting his wheel ready, when one of the near-by farmers came up and leaned over the fence, watching him. "I s'pose ye don't mind gettin' some wet," he finally insinuated. "Oh, I don't believe it's going to rain," answered the optimist, jauntily. "It looks a bit threatening, but I think it will clear up by noon, so I'm going to start just the same." The farmer was silent a moment, then he pointed solemnly toward the clouds, which had entirely shut out from view the mighty mountain four miles away. "Young man," he said, impressively as he pointed. "Look thar. When the cloud settles down over Kearsarge, God Almighty couldn't stop the rain!"

Longfellow's School Days.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the poet, received his early education in a school in Portland, Me. He was pronounced by the master to be "one of the best boys in school." He was a studious child and preferred the company of books to lively companions. He passed the entrance examination to Bowdoin college at 14. He graduated fourth in his class in 1825.

He Gets the Chance.

"There is one advantage which a judge always has in his profession," "What is that?" "Whether he succeeds in a given case or not, he can always try it."

CAR ROBBERS ARE CAUGHT WITH GOODS ON

Headquarters of Gang Found in Hoosick Falls

SIX SUSPECTS ROUNDED UP

Chief McManaway of Hoosick Falls Appears to Have Gathered in the Gang.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y., March 22.—For the past three months the Boston and Maine railroad has suffered from freight losses sustained by robberies of sealed cars at Hoosick Junction and along the line to Williams-town. The last theft happened one week ago Saturday evening and Detective William Ewen of the railroad police was furnished with a list of stolen articles amounting to over \$200. He sought the aid of the Hoosick Falls police and at 10 o'clock Saturday evening Officer Chapman got a tip that there were several men with goods in Mike Romainis' saloon, known as the "Whirlpool," located near the east bound B. and M. tracks. Going around the corner near McDonough's barber shop, he saw three men making their way out of an alley. He grabbed the two biggest, the third running away. Chapman landed his men in the chief's office and made a search. He got three pairs of Crockett \$4 shoes off each man. They gave their names as James Sweeney of Lancaster, N. Y., 29, single and a shoemaker by trade, Thomas Moran of Newark, N. J., 21, single and a laborer. They denied knowledge to Chapman of any other goods.

Chapman decided to get the other man who started over the river, but did not get across the bridge before he caught him. A search brought to light four pairs of Easter style shoes of the same manufacture as the other two carried. His name was given as James Murray of Boston, 17, single and a buffer by trade. He is much older than 17 however, and a husky hobo. Officer Chapman then went after Policeman Edward McGrath and armed with a search warrant the two went with Chief McManaway to the Polander's saloon. McGrath arrested Joseph Bugdon, a Pole, 23, a laborer in the Walter A. Wood works, for receiving and retaining stolen goods. It is stated that \$4 shoes have been selling there for 50 cents. Chief McManaway picked out Mike Romainis as his choice on the same charge. Romainis is 24, and is the proprietor of the "Whirlpool." Chapman got Frank McGann, 37, out of bed, and arrested him on the same charge as the other two Polanders. The latter were later bailed out by Frank Riley and Peter Gaffney of Hoosick Falls.

When the first three were locked up together they decided to peach, Murray acting as speaker. The three had come to the Whirlpool a week ago Friday night and, Murray said, the Polanders had the scheme worked out for robbing the freight cars at Hoosick Junction. Romainis giving the exact information and promising that all goods would be taken out of their hands. The three men broke open seals, entered the cars and returned to the saloon where they sold 4 suits of clothes, 16 quart bottles of whiskey, 2 quarts of gin, 2 quarts of rum and 2 of alcohol. This does not account for whole cases of shoes that were stolen, nor the quantities of boys' pants and ladies shoes which inventoried to over \$200.

The railroad has suffered severely and officers Stapleton, Ewen and Murray of the railroad's police corps have been working at points between Hoosick Junction and North Adams for some time, trying to break up the gang and it is thought that policeman Chapman's quick work of Saturday night has gone far toward that result.

add car robbers

Sweeney, Moran and Murray were arraigned in police court this morning. Chief McManaway appeared and stated that District Attorney O'Brien could not be present and asked for a postponement to Friday which was ordered and the men were sent to the county jail at Troy until that time. The hearing in the case of the three Polanders will also occur Friday.

As an aftermath, Polander named Mike Wall was arrested on Sunday by Officer Willis on a charge of assault in the third degree. He had been looking for Dominick Motwell, a Pole, who had furnished the tip on Saturday night that the saloon was a salesplace for stolen goods. Wall threatened to stab Motwell if he found him and the latter complained to the police, saying that he was afraid of being killed by Wall and his friends. Wall is an old offender, having been arrested here before for an assault in which he used a knife but was not indicted. There is no doubt that Motwell will be done up if a good chance is offered. It has been learned that Sweeney, Moran and Murray stayed at Romainis' saloon on Friday, March 13. The police believe that the other goods will be uncovered before long and that Romainis will be able to give all the information.

This morning Wall was brought into court and pleaded guilty to assault in the third degree and was sentenced to six months at hard labor in the Albany penitentiary.